

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

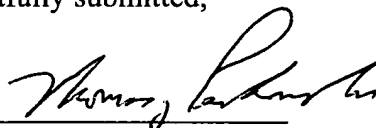
Applicants have amended Claims 21, 23, and 67 to correct errors of a typographical nature, and claims 56 and 71-75 to avoid any basis for double-patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. Section 101.

Applicants also submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer in the present Application in order to avoid any judicially-created obviousness-type double-patent rejection in view of Applicants' U.S. Patent No. 6,619,549.

In view of the Amendment above, Applicants firmly believe that the present invention defined by the claims 21-31 and 56-75 are neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art of record, and that the present Application is now in all respects in condition for allowance.

Favorably action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq.
Reg. 33,134
Attorney for Applicants
Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., P.C.
Soundview Plaza
1266 East Main Street
Stamford, Connecticut 06902
203-357-1950
<http://www.tjpatlaw.com>

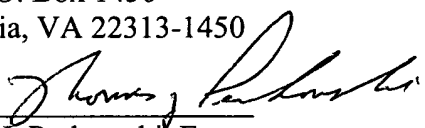
Dated: May 23, 2005



CERTIFICATE OF FIRST CLASS MAIL
UNDER 37 CFR 1.08

I hereby certify that this correspondence
is being deposited with the United States Postal Service
on May 23, 2005, as First Class Mail,
in a prepaid postage envelope
addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq.

Dated: May 23, 2005